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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REFUSAL TO EXTRADITE HAITIAN KIDNAPPERS
TO HAITI

REF: (A) STATE 19510 (B) MEXICO 700 (C) P- AU- P 146

1. EMBASSY NOTES THAT MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA AND AMBASSADOR TO THE U. S. DE OLLOQUI HAVE BOTH CITED AS ONE REASON FOR NOT EXTRADITING KNOX KIDNAPPERS TO HAITI AN ALLEGED ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT DUVALIER THAT HE WOULD LIQUIDATE THE KIDNAPPERS IF HE COULD GET HIS HANDS ON THEM.

2. TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THIS POINT, DUVALIER IN CREOLE ADDRESS JANUARY 26 (HIS ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON KIDNAPPERS) SAID IF THEY RETURNED TO HAITI HE WOULD " BE WAITING FOR THEM WITH A BIG COCOMACAQUE". A COCOMACAQUE IS A HEAVY STICK SIMILAR TO AN IRISH SHILLELAGH AND USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES. THE INFERENCE WAS CLEARLY THAT THE KIDNAPPERS WOULD BE IN FOR ROUGH HANDLING IF THE GOH COULD GET ITS HANDS ON THEM, BUT AT NO TIME DID PRESIDENT DUVALIER ANNOUNCE HE WOULD
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LIQUIDATE OR EXECUTE THEM.

3. CORRECT TRANSLATION OF PARTS OF DUVALIER' S CREOLE ADDRESS CITED BY MEXICANS (MEXICO 700) WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: " I TOOK THAT DECISION (ON THE KIDNAPPING) BECAUSE I HAD GOOD REASON FOR IT. FOR TTOWN MEETING OF ENGLISH- SPEAKING UNIVERSITY HEADS WITH PRIME MINISTER (CAPE TOWN 223) HORWOOD EXPRESSED HIS " WHOLEHEARTED" APPROVAL OF PRIMIN' S STATEMENT AS PER REFTEL. " NO UNIVERSITY HAS RIGHT TO BEHAVE IN WAY WHICH DOES NOT CONFORM WITH ACCEPTED NORMS OF COMMUNITY". UNIVERSITIES " SET GREAT STORE BY THEIR AUTONOMY. THERE IS A CONCOMITANT RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT THEIR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER".

3. COMMENT: HORWOOD' S REMARKS WILL DO NOTHING TO ENDEAR HIM TO UNIVERSITY OF NATAL STUDENTS OR YOUNGER FACULTY MEMBERS, WHO REMEMBER WITH DISDAIN HIS FEW STORMY YEARS AS PRINCIPAL BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE SENATE IN 1970. HIS STATEMENTS, INDEED, MAY LEND FURTHER FUEL TO THE FLAME OF PROTEST IN NATAL AGAINST RECENT NUSAS AND SASO BANNINGS.
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